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State receives grant to continue disaster preparedness

(MADISON) - Wisconsin Emergency Management has been awarded a new three-year federal grant to continue the ReadyWisconsin- AmeriCorps Disaster Preparedness Project. The program has placed trained AmeriCorps members across the state to help promote emergency preparedness.

Under the new grant, WEM will receive \$130,000 to expand the number of AmeriCorps members to 20. They will assist local and tribal emergency management with developing volunteer plans and emergency preparedness trainings in Wisconsin. WEM received the original grant last fall to provide 12 part-time AmeriCorps members that are located at emergency management offices in Milwaukee, Fond du Lac, Sawyer, Dane and Grant counties.

"The AmeriCorps members have done an excellent job this year working with local communities and helping people be prepared for emergencies," said WEM Administrator Brian Satula. "We look forward to continue this important program and encourage more families to be ready for the unexpected."

Since the program started at WEM, AmeriCorps members have participated in a variety of events including Weather Day at the Milwaukee Brewers, Safety Saturday in New Berlin and dozens of other emergency planning presentations across Wisconsin.

AmeriCorps is often referred to as a domestic Peace Corps that places individuals who make a commitment to serving their communities. Members receive a modest living allowance and earn an educational award granted upon the successful completion of their terms of service. The grant funding for this AmeriCorps project is provided through Serve Wisconsin and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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